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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER ON INDIA- PAKISTAN RELATIONS.

1. THERE WAS A THIRTY- FIVE MINUTE DISCUSSION OF INDO- PAKISTAN PROBLEMS IN THE RAJYA SABHA TODAY. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO QUESTIONS WERE QUITE STANDARD, WE NOTED AN OCCASIONAL OPT B-ISTIC TONE IN THE COMMENTS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. HE SAID INDIA AND BANGLADESH HAD REPLIED TO THE AZIZ AHMED LETTER AND NOW HOPED FOR A RESPONSE FROM PAKISTAN. HE REJECTED AN OPPOSITION SUGGESTION THAT THE PAKISTAN POSITION WAS NOT TO ACCEPT ANY BIHARIS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. HE ADMITTED PAKISTAN WAS RELUCTANT TO THAKE THE BIHARIS, BUT SAID EVEN THE AZIZ AHMED LETTER HAD NOT GONE AS FAR AS THE MEMBER SUGGESTED. ALSO, UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE JANA SANGH, HE SAID THAT HE " EXPECTED" PAKISTAN WOULD RESPOND.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE US (BY CPI MEMBERS) HE SAID THE US HAD PUBLICLY SAID IT WELCOMED THE SIMLA AGREEMENT. LATER,
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UNDER PRESSURE, HE REITERATED THAT THE GOI HAD NOTED THAT WHILE THE
US SAID THIS, IT ALSO RESUMED ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN.

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